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Art Unit: 1634

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For: METHODS FOR ENRICHING
POPULATIONS OF NUCLEIC ACID
SAMPLES

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 19, 2002 please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 12 and 23 without prejudice.

Please ~~replace~~ Claims 1, 13-16, 18, and 35 with the following ~~amended~~ claims that have the corresponding numbers.